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**MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND DISTRICT COMMANDS**

SUBJECT: 2023 Excellence in Partnerships Award Selection

1. I am pleased to announce that the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership across projects within NWD, SWD, and MVD has been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recipient of the 2023 National Excellence in Partnerships Award.
2. The Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership has united private landowners, universities and over 15 federal and state agencies under the common goal of eliminating feral hogs from public and private lands throughout the state of Missouri to protect public health, agriculture, and natural resources through control measures, education, legislation actions and enforcement, and disease monitoring.
3. All of the nominees for this year's award made significant contributions to their projects and demonstrated remarkable work being done across USACE. Four partners deserve special mention for their efforts: Mississippi River Water Trail Association at the Rivers Project Office (MVS), Phillips 66 Ponca City at the Kaw Project Office (SWT), Union Sportsmen's Alliance, local Augusta Buildings and Construction Trades Council at J. Strom Thurmond Lake (SAS), and Friends of Cordell Hull Lake at Cordell Hull Lake (LRN).
4. The Excellence in Partnerships Award is supported by the Corps Foundation in recognition of exceptional contributions to the natural resource management programs at USACE projects. The award will be presented to the Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership later in the year.
5. The point of contact for this award is Heather Burke, National Partnership Program Manager, who can be reached via e-mail at heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil or phone at 503-808-4313.

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